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Treasurer's Office to continue critical State functions during COVID-19 prevention efforts

Carson City, NV – In response to the developing situation surrounding COVID-19 in Nevada, **beginning on Tuesday, March 17th**, the State Treasurer's Office will temporarily close and suspend its public facing operations. Physical office locations in Carson City and Las Vegas will be closed; however, all essential functions of the Office will remain operational and remotely staffed.

Nevada State Treasurer Zach Conine also issued the following statement:

"I commend the Governor on making the difficult decision to allow for the closure of state offices to help mitigate the possible spread of COVID-19 among state workers, their families, and the general public. Transitioning employees to remote work and limiting personal interaction is an important step in keeping Nevadans safe.

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for managing several critical functions for the State of Nevada, including cash management, investments, and debt. During the temporary office closure, all of these operations will continue as usual, and the essential daily work of the State Treasury will not be interrupted. Nevadans can rest assured that the State's financial obligations will be met, State employees will continue to receive paychecks, and the State's investment portfolio will be managed with minimal exposure to risk.

Our Office has previously developed contingency plans to ensure that critical state functions aren't delayed in the event of inclement weather, natural disasters, or public health emergencies. While we hoped to never implement these contingency plans, we are prepared to work through the current situation and until such time when all personnel can safely return to work.

All State agencies, banking and financial partners and the general public can continue to reach out to our Office, and we will respond as quickly as possible. I would urge all Nevadans to remain calm, practice good personal hygiene and social distancing, and know that State leaders are working tirelessly to address this public health situation and keep families safe."

In light of the temporary closure, Nevadans are urged to visit the State Treasurer's website for services that may be performed online such as claiming unclaimed property and making Prepaid Tuition contract payments. The Treasurer's website may be accessed via the following link: http://nevadatreasurer.gov.

To contact the Treasurer's Office with any questions please email <u>ask@nevadatreasurer.gov</u>.

To receive updates on the State's response to COVID-19 and its impact within the State, please visit https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/.

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